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a card transporting path in the card reader, for traveling of into which the inserted card travels which has been inserted in the card entrance, said card entrance disposed at a first end of said card transporting path;

a shutter plate, disposed on a side of said card entrance, which opens and closes the card entrance by moving between a first closing position for closing ~~entry to~~ the card transporting path and ~~a second~~ an opening position for opening entry to the card transporting path, said closing position and said opening position of said shutter plate being located at the side of said card entrance;

a drive source for moving said shutter plate; and

a connecting member for connecting a drive force of said drive source to said shutter plate;

wherein an opening/closing-side end face of said shutter plate is closed substantially parallel to said card transporting path at said closing position, and said opening/closing-side end face of said shutter plate is moved, by said drive source, substantially parallel to said card transporting path.

22. (Currently Amended) The shutter opening/closing mechanism according to claim 21, wherein said drive source is a solenoid, said connecting member includes a slide member moved by said solenoid and two turning members coupled together by said slide member, said opening/closing-side end face of said shutter plate is moved, by said two turning members, substantially parallel to said card transporting path.

23. (Currently Amended) The shutter opening/closing mechanism according to claim 22, wherein said two connecting members are coupled so as to follow said slide member in movement, and a blocking portion for blocking its movement from said turning member side is provided between said two connecting members and said slide member.

24. (Original) The shutter opening/closing mechanism according to claim 21, wherein said connecting member includes a slide member moved by said drive source, and one turning member coupled to said slide member, and said opening/closing-side end face of said shutter plate is moved, by said one turning member, substantially parallel to said card transporting path.

25. (Currently Amended) The shutter opening/closing mechanism according to claim 21, further comprising a card trap member detection mechanism, wherein said mechanism includes a detecting part connected to said drive source, and a microswitch connected to said detecting part, wherein said shutter plate is prevented from moving into said closing position when a card trap member is detected, thereby preventing said microswitch from turning on.
